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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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Ministerial Personals

Two veterans of our Fellowship have died during the past month; Rev. J. A. Baldridge at Oklahoma City on May 9 and Rev. M. J. Savage at Boston on May 22.

Rev. R. W. Savage has taken charge of the church at Winthrop, Mass.; Rev. H. G. Richardson of the church at Yonkers, N. Y.; and Rev. H. B. Taylor of the West Somerville Universalist Church has taken charge at Atlanta, Ga., for the month of June.

The church year closes with more than the usual record of resignations and withdrawals. Rev. A. B. Heeb has resigned at Stockton, Cal.; Rev. A. H. Hahn at Duxbury, Mass.; Rev. C. C. Williams at Humboldt, Iowa.; Rev. C. E. Luck at Lawrence, Kan.; Rev. E. M. Burke at Salem, Ore.; and Rev. A. R. Vail at Urbana, Ill.

Rev. W. B. Geoghegan of New Bedford, Mass., Rev. A. B. Whitney of Plymouth, Rev. H. C. Merrill of Harvard, Mass., and Rev. T. H. Marshall of Rochester, N. Y., have accepted commissions in Y. M. C. A. work.

Rev. H. T. Secrist of Meadville, Pa., has resigned at Meadville and accepted a commission in the War Camp Community Service.

Rev. J. H. Applebee of Syracuse, N. Y. will go overseas as a Red Cross chaplain. His place as treasurer of the Unitarian Service Pension Society has been filled by the election of Rev. H. G. Arnold of West Roxbury.

Appointments

The preaching appointments of the President of the Association in June are as follows: June 2, Arlington Street, Boston; June 9, New Bedford; June 16, Waltham; June 23, Manchester, Mass.; June 24, Bangor, Me., the 100th Anniversary of the Society; June 25, Belfast, Me., the 100th Anniversary of the Meeting-House; and June 30, Andover, N. H., the opening sermon of the Sunday School Institute and Summer Meetings of the New Hampshire Unitarian Association.

The appointments of the Secretary of the Association are: June 2, Second Church, Boston; June 9, Newton Center; June 23, Amherst, Mass.

The Field Secretary for New England during the month of May preached in South Hingham; Church of the Unity, Worcester; and at the Memorial Day Service in Danvers. He also visited Brattleboro, Vt., twice in the interest of war service, speaking in the Town Hall to many hundreds of people. Similar service was rendered at Marlborough, Mass., and at Bangor, Me. An address

was given to the Taunton Women's Alliance and business visits were paid to Rockland, Mass., Yarmouth, Sanford and Portland, Me. The churches visited seemed to be a little more courageous and more appreciative of the importance of the cause. They and their ministers are standing up well under the trying conditions of the war. Mr. Nobbs' appointments are June 2 and 9, Brockton, Mass., and June 4 at Uxbridge.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Association was unexpectedly well attended. In spite of the occupations and the activities of these strenuous times there was no material falling off in the representation of our churches. The speaking was of the usual high order of merit. Perhaps the two outstanding addresses of the week were those of Hon. James M. Beck at the Festival and of Lt. Com. Thomas Mott Osborne at the meeting of the War Work Council, but all were interesting and significant. The main addresses will be printed in successive numbers of the *Christian Register*. The Hospitality Committee and the other committee served with their customary efficiency. Nearly all the Northern States from Maine to California were represented and there were several scattered delegates from the Southern States. The only new feature of the program was the giving up of the reception and the substitution for it of an "Open House" at 25 Beacon Street, which proved a pleasant and informal occasion, enlivened by the singing of patriotic hymns and songs in Channing Hall under the leadership of Mr. Frederic Gooding, Y. M C. A. secretary at Camp Devens, and of Private Quinn. The singing at all the meetings of the week was especially hearty and earnest.

The dominant note of all the Anniversary Week meetings was that of moral earnestness and resolute patriotism. The moral aims of the war and the spiritual challenge presented to our people were in almost every address. The standard of the speaking has never been higher. In addition to the remarkable addresses of Mr. Beck and Lt. Com. Osborne noteworthy contributions were brought by such laymen as Judge Mack of Chicago, speaking at the Festival; Mr. W. R. Balch, of Boston, at the Laymen's League; Mr. Walter Prichard Eaton at the Young People's Religious Union; Prof. Stephen P. Duggan and Mr. E. H. Letchworth at the Sunday School Society; and Mr. A. E. Morgan at the Annual Meeting of the Association. All these addresses were inspired by calm facing of the facts of our national situation and by lofty confidence. There was nothing boastful, but all was invigorating. The ministers were equally stimulating. Mr. Simons, of Cleveland, began the week with a noble sermon; Rev. F. L. Hosmer, our poet-prophet, spoke to the Ministerial Union; Prof. Hutcheon of Meadville to the Berry Street Conference; Dr. Crothers and Dr. Hall of Springfield, to the Massachusetts Convention; Mr. Lupton and Mr. Rihbany to the Women's Alliance; Mr. Hunt of Orange, and Chaplain Mark, to the War Work Council meeting; Dr. Sullivan of New York, Mr. Savage of Lynn, Dr. Peabody of Cambridge, and Mr. Reese of Des Moines, Ia., at the Association meeting; Mr. Griffin of Philadelphia at the Festival; Dr. Chaney to the Historical Society; Mr. Lutz and Mrs. Crane to the Sunday School Society. The leaders of the services at morning prayers and the vesper services uttered words of wisdom and spiritual insight.

The only unfortunate incidents of the week were caused by the self-assertion of a very small group of pacifists and especially of their spokesman. These incidents were trivial but the newspapers gave them an exaggerated importance so that some Unitarians who did not attend the meetings have apparently formed a wrong impressoin of the really splendid patriotic spirit of the Unitarian ministers and churches.

Board of Directors

The Annual Meeting made no change in the general officers and vice-presidents of the Association. Five

new Directors were elected. These take the places of Mrs. Dinsmoor, Mrs. Lombard, Mr. Thomas H. Elliott, Rev. E. S. Wiers and Rev. Howard N. Brown. Dr. Brown completed a term of six years, which makes a total of thirty-one years in the Board of Directors, a term of service probably unexcelled in the history of the Association. The new members of the Board are Mr. Edward Aborn, a New York lawyer and leading member of the church in Orange, N. J., Miss Lucy Lowell, of Boston, President of the Women's Alliance; Mr. Robert S. Parks of Fitchburg, an active member of the First Parish; Mr. George S. Wright of Watertown, and Mrs. F. H. Dewey of Worcester. All of the new members were present at the meeting of the Board on May 25 and went at once to work in their various committee assignments. The Association is much to be congratulated in securing the services of these able and earnest laymen and women.

Treasurer's Report

The report of the Treasurer of the Association for the year ending April 30 was cheerful, in spite of the fact that the contributions failed by some $17,000 to reach the sum of $75,000 for which appeal had been made to the churches. The contributions of the societies themselves held up remarkably well, being practically the same as last year. The loss was in the contributions from individuals, and $10,000 of the decrease was represented by the special gift which Mrs. Robert D. Evans made during the previous fiscal year for the work of the Association. Mrs. Evans died last winter and provided in her will for a bequest of $100,000 to the Association, which will be payable during the present fiscal year. On the other hand, the income from invested funds increased by some $13,000 so that the Association was able to conclude the fiscal year without any serious deficit. Again, this experience is another vindication of the wisdom of the budget system under which the work of the Association is operated. This has now been in practice for nearly twenty years and during that time no serious debts have been incurred while the work has constantly enlarged and expanded. In addition to the regular receipts and expenditures the year was marked by the raising of a considerable sum for the Y. M. C. A. Hut work, of which $41,000 went through the books of the Association. Some $11,000 also came in for the Camp Devens Fund. The bequests of the year and the gifts added to permanent funds totaled $187,000 against $88,000 last year. Of this year's bequests $74,000 are for the direct benefit of the Association and $113,000 are held as a trust for special purposes. The geographical distribution of the testators whose bequests were paid in during the last twelve months is interesting. Two of these bequests came from California, one from Colorado, one from Illinois, one from Minnesota, one from Kansas, one from Maine and a number from Massachusetts.

Two of the bequests of the year will enable the Directors to strengthen the work of our Divinity Schools. Some years ago, and shortly after the death of Mrs. Davis, Hon. Horace Davis of San Francisco, Vice-President of the Association, gave to the Association $30,000 to be known as the Horace and Edith K. Davis Fund, to be held in trust for the benefit of the Pacific Unitarian School for the Ministry. By Mr. Davis' will an addition was made to this fund of $70,000, so that the Association now holds for the benefit of the School a fund of $100,000.

Some years ago there died in Washington, D. C., Mr. William Pitt Robinson. He bequeathed to the Association some $50,000, the income to be used for the benefit of the Meadville Theological School. This fund is for the present held by a Trust Company in Washington, but except for a small annuity the income is now available to carry out the purpose of the testator. Upon the death of the annuitant the whole Fund will come to the Association.

Certain items in the Treasurer's report in regard to investments in church properties may escape observation. Through

the Church Building Loan Fund the Association was able to help to the extent of $16,000 in the building of the new Church of the Unity, in St. Louis, Mo., and the new church in Schenectady, N.Y. Through the Mary A. Leighton Fund purchases of real estate were made for the churches in Sanford, Me., Lynchburg, Va., Charleston, W. Va., and Houston, Tex., a total amount of over $24,000. Through the Wilson Fund a contribution was made to aid in the erection of the chapel at Ocean Point, Me., and through the Rebecca A. Greene Fund a contribution towards the building of a new church in White Plains, N. Y.

An interesting feature of the Treasurer's address at the Annual Meeting was his comparison of the figures for the year just closed with the year ending April 30, 1898 — twenty years ago. In 1898 the "total missionary effort" of the Association required an expenditure of $62,000. In 1903 this had risen to $130,000. Last year it amounted to $265,000. In the same time the percentage of administrative expense had been reduced by one half — a very gratifying comparison.

Pensions

The report which Dr. Francis G. Peabody made at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Committee entrusted with the duty of increasing the endowments of the Pension Society and the Society for Ministerial Relief was encouraging. The sum needed is $250,000 and this is the amount that our denomination must raise before it can be acquitted of injustice to its ministers and their dependents. "The Committee," said Dr. Peabody, "has concluded that it is not timely or propitious, under the terrible strain of war, to make at this moment a direct attack upon the collective generosity of the churches, but that we should proceed in an unobtrusive and indirect method, first, by giving publicity to our hopes and purposes, and, second, through personal and intimate correspondence with competent individual givers. . . . We had the general opinion that if $50,000 could be secured in this unostentatious and personal way it would in a measure underwrite the scheme and permit us to go to the churches in the autumn with a new sense of assurance." It appeared that this quiet method of procedure has justified the wisdom of the Committee. The treasurer of the fund, Mr George Wigglesworth, has during the last few months received something over $41,000 and the Treasurer of the Association, Mr. Henry M. Williams, has received for the same object something over $13,000, a total of $54,210, which, as Dr. Peabody said, "carries us a little over the top of our original intention." It is interesting to observe that a number of the contributors have made their subscriptions in the form of Liberty Bonds. The Committee has received six bonds of $1,000, three of $500, three of $100, and six of $50. This method offers a fruitful suggestion to other friends who are planning to contribute to this needed fund.

Contributions

The table of the contributions of the churches to the work of the Association in the last fiscal year, which is printed in the Treasurer's Report, is worth studying. It reveals both our financial strength and our weakness. It is interesting to discover, for instance, that out of our 493 churches 23 give practically half of all the money contributed by the churches for our national work. This does not mean that the smaller churches are not doing their whole duty, but it may indicate that some of the churches which now contribute from $50 to $500 are not doing all that they might. The following are the churches which give $1,000 or over, arranged in the order of their contributions: Arlington Street, Boston; First Providence; First Cambridge; First Brooklyn; Cleveland; First Brookline; First Boston; West Newton; Weston; Milton; First Philadelphia. These eleven churches give nearly $16,000.

Twelve churches give between $500 and $1,000, in all $7,647. These are King's Chapel, Boston; Springfield; All

Souls', New York; Messiah, New York; Second Boston; New Bedford; Germantown; North Easton; Washington; Second Worcester; South Congregational, Boston; Concord, Mass.

What an adequate support of the work of the Association appears to require is not an increase in the giving of the large or the very small contributors, but a broadening of the whole base of supply and an increase in the interest and generosity of the churches that are now giving in a somewhat half-hearted fashion. Often all that is needed is a more businesslike and thorough canvass of the parish. The 23 churches listed here as the large contributors are in a number of cases not the churches that really contain the most wealth, but churches that raise their contributions in an efficient manner. There are at least 23 more churches in our fellowship that belong in the same group so far as the financial ability of the members is concerned.

It is interesting further to observe that the membership of the churches in the Association continues practically unchanged. Eighteen churches last year established or re-established their membership, but sixteen churches, by failing to make any contribution, lost their right to representation.

The New Budgets

The new Board of Directors adopted on May 23 a detailed budget for the new fiscal year. The Board believes that this is no time for undue economy and is confident that the churches will support the effort to maintain our various missions and activities in full strength. The Directors had the courage of their convictions and increased the budget for the new year by $11,000, appropriating for the new fiscal year, $126,000, instead of the $115,000 carried in last year's budget. New items in the budget are the appropriations of $2,500 for the War Work Council and of $1,200 for the expenses of the Committee on Recruiting the Ministry. A small increase appeared to be necessary in the Department known as Maintenance. This means that some $1,500 additional must be provided for the heating, lighting, and care of the building at 25 Beacon Street, and that some small increases must be made in the salaries of clerks, stenographers, shippers and janitors. In the Publication Department an increase of $3,000 was made necessary by the great increase in the expense of printing, paper and postage. A reduction was made possible in the Publicity Department as it was decided to discontinue advertising for associate members and to concentrate on the Wayside Pulpit and similar enterprises.

Increases were made (1) in the Middle States Department, chiefly for temporary aid to the church at Wilmington, Del., (2) in the Western Department, owing to the addition of Evanston, Ill.; and (3) in the Canadian Northwest, to provide for the re-opening of the church in Vancouver. Small reductions were possible in (1) the New England States, owing to the discontinuance of the Finnish work in Fitchburg; (2) in the Southern Department, owing to the discontinuance for the time being of the work at Norfolk, Va.; and (3) in the Rocky Mountain Department owing to the discontinuance for the time being of work at Butte and Red Lodge, Mont. The total budget for the Home Missions was increased from $80,000 to $84,000.

War Work Council

At the meeting under the auspices of the War Work Council of Unitarian Churches held on May 20 the report of the Council was submitted in a pamphlet of twenty pages. This pamphlet can be obtained on application at the Headquarters. It covers the following items:

1. The organization of the Council and the statement of its purpose.
2. The work of the special Commission on Food Conservation.
3. Co-operation with the Red Cross.
4. Co-operation with the Y. M. C. A.
5. Co-operation with the War Camp Community Service.
6. Co-operation with the Christian Federation of Ayer.

7. The various undertakings under the Camp Devens Fund.

8. Co-operation with the War Department and the Federal Council in regard to the appointment of chaplains.

9. The activities of the Council in conservation of fuel and the arrangement during the past winter of union services.

10. The publication activities, with the list of the pamphlets, letters, circulars and posters issued by the Council for use in the camps, barracks, Y. M. C. A. Huts and the United Service Clubs.

11. The appointment of the voluntary chaplains or camp pastors at thirty-seven of the training camps or army posts, with extracts from the reports or letters of a number of these representatives of our churches in the camps.

From the Front

The President of the Association has received a number of letters from ministers of our fellowship who are serving in one capacity or another overseas.

Dr. Joseph P. MacCarthy of Waltham, who is in England, writes from Essex Hall:

"Thank you most heartily for your fraternal greeting and expressions of interest and goodwill. . . . The officers of the British and Foreign Association have been extremely kind and given me every opportunity to serve in our churches and otherwise. An American feels very much at home in this room at Headquarters, with portraits of Benjamin Franklin and Dr. Charles W. Eliot, a painting of the Declaration of Independence and a tablet saying that this room was furnished by Unitarian friends in America. I have already preached at Cambridge, three times at University Hall, Highgate, Bradford, Croyden, Leeds and Brixton. A very interesting experience was that of being taken by escort from the British Foreign Office to visit a German prison camp. I can only say that the treatment of these prisoners is most kind. They are getting more meat than we are in London, and we are not complaining.

"I will give you my opportunities of service in the last ten days. April 26, at Leeds, to address the Rotary Club; 27, at Ripon; 28, Leeds, to preach twice at Mill Hill Chapel; the minister is in active service; 29, address at the Business men's Luncheon Club; 30 to May 2 at Grantham — lectures to soldiers in the Y. M. C. A. Huts; May 3, Salisbury Plain, New Zealand camp; 700 New Zealanders gathered to hear me lecture on America; May 5, preached at Brixton in the morning and at Mansfield Street, London, in the afternoon and evening; May 6, an address before the South East Wales Unitarian Society at Cardiff. I have just returned. I am to give the greeting of the American Unitarian Association at the May Meetings in London on May 22. I am now getting ready to spend a week in Belfast. My Sundays are all taken until August 25.

"That which seems most worth while is the work for the churches which have sent their ministers into active service, and the work among soldiers, especially those in the hospitals. There is a fine spirit here. Americans are welcomed everywhere. I hope to be taken by the British Foreign Office to visit the Western front."

Rev. Oscar B. Hawes, who is serving as a Y. M. C. A. secretary in the Foyer du Soldat, writes:

"Your cordial greeting has just reached me in camp — twenty-seven days being decidedly under the usual time taken by letters to bridge the distance. It was a real pleasure to hear from you and to feel myself in touch again with our Unitarian fellowship. It seems strange to be away for the Anniversaries. It will be the first May meeting I have missed for over twenty years, but to-day I am content to be absent because of the work to be done over here. Your note brings to mind an added sense of the greatest lack I have felt in the French camps. That is the lack of religious expression. There is no priest or chaplain of any kind with us. Yesterday, Sunday morning, a priest came from some distance to celebrate mass. I had been asked to open the Foyer for the service and of course gladly did so. The

town behind us had been bombarded more or less every day and night for a week. The young American Directress of the Foyer there had been killed. I saw her at the hospital a couple of hours after the shell had fallen. As I returned, shells fell in front of me and from the dust and ruins women and children appeared, flying for their lives. A few days before our camp had been struck by a bomb from an aeroplane and some of our soldiers who had lain down to sleep did not rise again. . . . The French soldiers have suffered much but their fighting spirit still remains. The fatigue of the conflict, however, has dimmed spiritual vision. This adds to the grim tragedy. The greatest contribution we can bring is our moral enthusiasm, our determination even in the midst of the carnage to make an ideal shine clear. The French are beginning to realize something of what we are giving. They understand that our country was not in danger and that it was fundamentally because of an ideal that we entered the war. To keep that ideal clear, to make it a new, contagious and compelling inspiration is the greatest contribution we can give."

Rev. A. W. Birks, also a Y. M. C. A. secretary, writes:

"It is very kind of you to offer to help me and I shall not hesitate to call upon you if occasion arises. My own wants are few and easily satisfied. . . . I had the honor to be assigned to the First Division soon after I reached France, which means that I have been in the battle front most of the time. . . . The American army is one of which you may well be proud.

"Tell our people to unite as never before. The greatest menace of the ages is opposing us and we must win or die. The little jealousies of personalities must be put aside. The selfishness of material ambitions must be curbed. The whole nation and all the resource of the nation must be thrown into the conflict. This is the message to America from the boys who are about to die. Ignore it and they die in vain.

"For the first time since I became a minister I shall be absent during Anniversary Week. If I live I shall be thinking of you each day of the week."

Rev. F. J. Gauld, who is serving in the Foyer du Soldat, writes:

"We are right on the front, under fire frequently. Bombardments are of daily occurrence or, better, one should say nightly. I am in the work of the Foyer du Soldat, accepting on condition that I should be transferred to the American army if I thought I were not of sufficient service here. After two months I am thoroughly satisfied to continue. I feel that everything America and Americans can do to make France conscious of our loyalty and devoted support is work immensely needed. I have lost my heart to many of these French officers and privates. I have had the pleasure of eating often at the officers' mess and have found them invariably polite and very generally charming and interesting men. All are unspeakably glad that America is with France.

"Yesterday we opened a new Baraque in connection with our Foyer for a canteen. We can seat about three hundred and expect to serve many more each day. We had quite a celebration at the opening. The canteen was gaily decorated with French, American and English flags. We had the General of our Division present, with many officers of his staff. The most remarkable event was the presence of ladies. Three English ladies from a town back of the line, where they conduct a canteen, came over for the occasion. They are the only women I have seen. Indeed, we have no civilians at all in our sector. . . . I meet thousands of the poilus in the Foyer and have the greatest admiration and even affection for them. Many of them are men of the highest cultivation. I have two sous-officiers who are sons of Protestant pastors in Paris and Lyons. I know intimately a sergeant who is a licentiate of the Sorbonne who knows the works of William James thoroughly and is fond of Whitman. I have attended Protestant service a number of times, conducted in a dugout on a hillside with the guns roaring over our heads."

Letters have come also from Chaplain P. S. Phalen, who is stationed with his men at an aviation camp in France; from Rev. Hurley Begun, who is serving in the Ambulance Corps in France; from Rev. F. H. Kent, who is a Y. M. C. A. Secretary in London, and from Rev. C. R. Joy, who is in the Foyer du Soldat.

Department of Religious Education

The outstanding matters of interest in this department are the Annual Meeting of the Sunday School Society, which has just been held, the two summer institutes of religious education which are next to come, and the Beacon Course in Religious Education, which is approaching such fullness that it can be used by all our schools whatever their size.

The Annual Meeting of the Sunday School Society was carried out according to program and was pronounced by those who attended as one of the best, if not the best, the Society has so far held. Increasingly these annual meetings, and the autumn meetings of the Society as well, have tended in the direction of practical helpfulness. Persons who have accomplished definite results in their schools are brought to these gatherings, not merely to tell what they have done, but to demonstrate before the assembled people the means they have used to achieve their success. At the afternoon meeting, Mr. Letchworth's demonstration of an opening service whose one purpose is to quicken the spirit of worship and deepen reverence, accomplished then and there both these purposes as the assembled company united with him in worship. Mr. Lutz's description of his graduation service led many to see that graduation from the Sunday school is not only the logical culmination of the work of any progressive school but a proper introduction into the larger work of the church. The climax of interest was reached in Miss Emilio's presentation of an Easter pageant involving the patriotic spirit, the two being combined with rare felicity. So great was the interest in this pageant, as well as in the preceding numbers, that requests for extra copies of the program, which contained an outline of these events, were far in excess of any possible supply.

The evening session, in like manner, introduced two very practical activities, — one on the part of a large class of young men from which twenty-two members had gone into the national service, and the other from a large class of young women who had prepared a Calendar of War Verse, netting more than $2,300 for the Red Cross.

Professor Duggan's address on "New Forces in Religious Education" was a profound interpretation of the principles that had been illustrated through the day, and Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane's closing address on "The Soul of Youth and the War" led the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

The Secretaries of this Department are now giving the most of their attention to the final preparations for the two summer institutes which are soon to be held. The first of these will be at Andover, N. H., June 30 to July 6. The second will be in Chicago, July 8 to 20. Announcements of both these institutes have been made and programs giving full particulars are being sent out. Any desiring additional information or wishing copies of the programs should communicate with this office. If all our churches appreciated what many of them have already learned, they would regard it as both a high privilege and an important duty to see that a considerable delegation from each congregation attended one or the other of these institutes. They represent our largest effort to train workers in the church and Sunday school. In a large number of instances church treasuries, the Alliance, or the Sunday school have sent representatives, paying their way as delegates to these institutes and looking to them for reports of what they have gained by going. This practice is to be highly commended. Persons wishing accommodations at Andover should write to Miss Sarah Waterbury, Andover, N. H. Room and board may thus be secured, the cost being ten dollars a week. Those considering attendance at Chicago should

write to Rev. Arthur T. Brown, 2145 Orrington Ave., Evanston, Ill. There are no charges connected with either of these institutes other than the cost of living.

Sunday schools are now organizing their instruction for next year. In doing so they find that the *Beacon Course in Religious Education* is now sufficiently advanced to provide all books necessary in even a large school, the only possible exception being in some of the more advanced classes, for which we have other publications that will serve admirably. For the ages of 4 and 5, the Kindergarten book, "The Little Child in Sunday School," now coming from the press, will soon be ready for delivery. For 7 and 8, Miss Dadmun's two books are well known, having been in use several years. For 9, Miss Cobb's book, now ready for the press, will be issued in time for the opening of schools in the autumn. For 11, Mr. and Mrs. Vail's "Heroic Lives" has made an assured place for itself. For 13, Miss Buck's and Professor Bowen's "The Story of Jesus" is already in use and well known. For 15, Mrs. Cabot's "Our Part in the World" is now in page proof and will shortly be on sale. For 19, Professor Goodspeed's "The Story of the New Testament," which we bought ready printed from the University of Chicago Press, is ready for delivery. For the oldest adult classes Dr. Dodson's book, "The Sympathy of Religions," has already shown its value in actual use.

We appeal to our schools to use these books, not only on the plea of loyalty to our denominational work, but also because we regard these manuals as meeting more nearly than do those of any other course the most exacting requirements of modern knowledge in religious education.

Department of Community Service

During the past year the churches seem to have carried on their long-established forms of social service, but few have attempted anything new that is not connected in some way with the war. From the results of an inquiry which received answers from every section of the country it is believed that every Unitarian church is engaged in Red Cross work. In some cases churches have worked as units affiliated with branches or chapters but the great majority of them have not attempted anything so ambitious. Their members have joined with those of other churches and have carried on their work at common community centres. Very many churches in the vicinity of camps or garrisons have been active in extending hospitality to soldiers and sailors. There have been many parties in church vestries and great numbers of men have been invited to the homes of the people. Some have used their automobiles for excursions. In every way the churches have endeavored to make officers and enlisted men feel that they appreciate heartily the sacrifices they are making in the defense of civilization.

No new numbers of the Social Service bulletin have been issued, but there have been twenty-eight thousand reprints. The demand for these pamphlets continues and it is hoped to add to the list in the coming year.

In these times of war the churches are urged to make some preparation for the coming of peace. At the close of the war a great number of problems will have to be solved. In the last analysis they are ethical questions in which the churches should be particularly interested. Study classes and courses of lectures will be found very helpful in crystallizing public opinion, and at the opening of another season it is hoped that they may be organized in every church.

Department of New Americans

Our mission churches among the New Americans of the Northwest and in Canada have been feeling the effects of the war no less than parishes in the older parts of the country, but in spite of the anxiety and the strain everywhere these churches seem to have gained in strength. The membership has increased and so has attendance at the Sunday services and if sums raised

for the war relief are included it is doubtful if so much money has ever passed through the hands of the local treasurers in an ordinary year of normal expenditure. The Association has given assistance in the last year to churches among the Icelanders in Canada and among the Finns, Norwegians and Italians in the United States.

Rev. Rognvaldur Petursson has continued to serve both as minister of the church in Winnipeg, and as general missionary among his countrymen in the Lake Winnipeg district and in the Western provinces. In these distant stations it is impossible to maintain regular services, but annual visits and correspondence hold the people together and patiently they wait for better times. The First Unitarian Church in Winnipeg is showing a fair and steady growth in spite of the difficulties of war-time. Sixteen new members have been received into the church. Rev. Albert Kristjansson, who serves churches at Otto and Mary Hill on the Northern frontier of our church work, reports trying times, but also that the churches have splendidly stood the test. The work in this district has been extended by the organization of a Sunday School at Lundar and the establishing of a preaching station near Hove, Manitoba.

Our Finnish churches in Minnesota have had a year of growth and encouragement, both spiritually and physically. Twenty-one new members have been added to the Virginia Church and many improvements have been made on the church building. The congregation at Angora-Cook is composed almost entirely of farmers. The interest has continued to grow and there is talk of building a new church. All this is due to the faithful work of Reverends Risto and Milma Lappala.

The Norwegian church in Hanska, Minn., is feeling the burden of the war. Twenty of its young men had gone to camp before the last call to the colors. In spite of the losses, under the strong leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Norman all departments of church work have been held to a standard of high endeavor. The barn on the church property was destroyed by fire, but the quite inadequate building has been replaced by a substantial new barn and garage. All bills are paid.

Rev. F. A. Taglialatela has continued his work among the Italians of Boston and the venture has taken on a more permanent character. Last November a church was organized which has a membership of sixty-seven with over one hundred adherents. A branch of the Alliance and a Y. P. R. U. have also been formed. The work is encouraging and may be expected to develop even faster after the close of the war.

Word and Work

Publication Department

With this number, the twenty-first volume of this publication comes to a close. We have been gratified by an increasing number of subscribers from year to year and by the continued patronage of our subscribers. We feel, however, that there are many persons who would be interested in this publication if it were brought to their attention during the coming months, and we ask that each of our loyal supporters mention this paper to at least one friend, stating the benefits to be derived, and suggesting that he or she become a subscriber. Special group-rates are available to those who send in twenty-five or more names at one time. Full information and sample copies of this leading Unitarian monthly will be gladly furnished by the Publication Agent.

Recent Publications

Since the last issue of WORD AND WORK we have issued two booklets addressed to the men in the camps. The titles, "The Home to the Camp" and "Traitors in Camp," suggest the substance of these messages. Copies of all the publications of the War Work Council may be had upon application.

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Faith

In every seed to breathe the flower,
In every drop of dew
To reverence a cloistered star
Within the distant blue;
To wait the promise of the bow,
Despite the cloud between,
Is Faith — the fervid evidence of loveliness unseen.

John B. Tabb *From High Tide.*

The annual Alliance platform meeting of Anniversary week was held on the afternoon of May twentieth at Tremont Temple. Rev. Abbot Peterson of Brookline, Mass., conducted the devotional service, the large audience joining in singing the two hymns.

The addresses were on "The Conservation of the Spiritual Forces."

Rev. Dilworth R. Lupton of Louisville, Ky., spoke in part as follows: " We are a nation of peace through long training and we must see whether war has raised spiritual values that we can use. We are trying to make an end of all war, we are spending in one week enough money to build and equip a Panama Canal. The barriers of past distinction are breaking down in the making of a democratic army. The working men of the world are rising, after the war they may control the world. I should look upon this as a most gigantic step in democracy. War is bringing out the beast in man and the brother as well; it is bringing out the Christlike and the divine. I believe that if we can conserve the great spiritual values coming out of this war, our young men will not have died in vain.

"We can conserve them only by infusing into the hearts of men a living religious faith. Remember that underneath are the everlasting arms; our courage is built of a well-founded faith and opportunity is at the door of the Unitarian Church. We cannot give this bread of life as a church unless we have it ourselves. There is only one way and that is the way of prayer."

Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany of Boston, said: "I believe that Almighty God is housecleaning on a vast scale, with millions of men to help him. The world is being searched to see what antiquated things can be got rid of. We are trying to get imperialism out of the Lord's house; we are trying to get rid of militarism and dispose of the last bully in Europe; we are trying to get rid of secret diplomacy. The world should be made not only safe for democracy but unsafe for hypocrisy.

"Saxon and Gaul are being tested by fire. Is our age-long love of freedom deep and strong enough to face a long war? Has Christianity been a show or a substance; has it life or is it only a name?

"A challenge has come to us to show a reason for our existence. Because of our claims we are a part of spiritual idealism. We are challenged to show our worth. I like to think of us as a part of a great multitude, who in spite of their creeds are still Christians. We have too many programs for the future. Through them all there must be the still small voice of the spirit. There is a basic spiritual worth in all those programs which are built on this foundation. If all the world were Unitarian I believe there would be no war. There is a religious majesty and glory in the religion of character. What we need is not to bury our treasure in a napkin in our comfortable homes but go forth with missionary zeal to do our part in the world."

The Annual Meeting

On Wednesday, May 22, at 10 A. M., the First Church, Boston, was filled with branch delegates, life members and several hundred other Alliance members for the annual business meeting. After the Alliance opening service, conducted by Miss Lowell, and the singing of Mr. Hosmer's hymn, "O Beautiful, my Country!" Rev. Charles E. Park welcomed The Alliance to the church on this more than ordinary occasion when we are bearing together a common sorrow and sharing a common hope.

The reports of the President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary were presented, all emphasizing the fact that our work is a religious one and that we must not let that side of it drop while war work is being done, as the President put it.

The Treasurer's annual report was accepted.

Mrs. Herbert J. Gurney, vice-chairman of the Massachusetts Committee of the Council of National Defense, and superintendent of a Unitarian Sunday School, gave a stirring address on food conservation, appealing to her hearers to observe all directions from Washington and obey as good soldiers do the orders of their general. We must not be careless, nor selfish, nor behind the times, and we must feel the responsibility of making other women see that this abstinence and sacrifice are required of all. We must save wheat because wheat is needed for the Allies and also — to save our souls alive, to prove that we can be beyond what hampers and destroys our usefulness, that we can get along without anything — except God. Hence this sacrifice is good for the nation and for the individual soul. We are a part of the army, every woman who pledges allegiance to the flag, even though our service may not be as thrilling as flying through the air. We are asked to match the men who have given up the prospect of success, given up love, all for devotion to their country. We must stand ready to do what is required for our own men and our brave Allies, who have stood between the enemy and ourselves.

Mrs. George T. Rice, vice-chairman of the Massachusetts Committee on Women in Industry, Council of National Defense, former Alliance director, set forth in unmistakable terms the responsibility of every woman whether she live near a factory town or not, to inform herself of the conditions under which women are to take men's places in our great industries; they must be fed, they must have what they need, standards must not be broken down, we must conserve human beings. We cannot be selfish and try to escape the horrors of war, we should think of the men and women who are giving their best to help win the war, think of the sacrifices of the women of Europe and do what we can in our turn. If we allow the spiritual forces to grow cold we shall not win anything, every service worth while comes from the religious impulse.

After brief discussion of the amendment to the by-laws, providing that no individual shall be entitled to cast more than one vote on any one question, it was the consensus of opinion that if a woman votes representing a branch and an Associate Alliance, or as life member and branch delegate, it is not like plural voting; and in order that branches outside of New England may have full representation through the few delegates they are able to send to Boston meetings, by an almost unanimous vote the proposed amendment was rejected.

Mr. Satyananda Roy, representative of the Brahmo Somaj at the Meadville Theological School, where he shared The Alliance scholarship the past year, spoke of his coming to Meadville as the fulfilment of hopes cherished since the time sixteen years ago when he saw a cousin start for Manchester College, England. As a child Mr. Roy was taught stories of Channing, Parker, and Martineau and he spoke of the close interest of his people in English and American Unitarians, begging that we seek to know his country and its leaders as they desire to learn about us. Some of their women,

even princesses, are going over India preaching to women, and Mr. Roy expressed the hope that it may be possible for some to come here for study and observation. "In the union of free spirits may we know each other more fully and co-operate more freely — this is the greeting I bring to you from my sisters."

At the conclusion of this address it was voted to send a cordial message of greeting to our sisters in India.

Miss Katherine D. Williams, student secretary of King's Chapel, outlined its work for students who come to Boston, which has become a very large student center. The girls are met at the train, suitable boarding places are found, they are called on, and helped or advised as the individual may need; they are welcomed at church, made associate members of the Alliance, no dues required, and last year it was made possible for ten to be present at the life members' banquet of the American Unitarian Association. One Sunday evening a month some member of King's Chapel keeps open house for these girls. A secretary is employed, a young college graduate, who can give her whole time to the work, so that she can lunch with the girls, see them at odd moments, be their companion in play hours and help them out of difficulties, financial and other. The trouble has been to find the girls. Alliance women are appealed to to send names, remembering that there is a student secretary ready to do anything she may for any girl coming to Boston for no matter how short a time.

The following resolution offered by Miss Effie E. Whitman, was adopted by the audience standing:

We, members of The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women, in annual meeting assembled, welcome the opportunity to put on record our deep and sincere appreciation of the great achievements of the Red Cross, and we promise our continued support and co-operation in its varied forms of service to relieve suffering and administer comfort here and overseas.

On motion of Miss Edith M. Loud, of Montreal, Canada, this resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the need for knitted supplies for the Allied armies and navies is so great, and

Whereas, many who have knitted constantly since 1914 are now through overstrain unable to do so,

Be it resolved that we, members of The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women, in annual meeting assembled, ask all patriotic women to confine their knitting to articles required for war relief, and to refrain for the duration of the war from knitting colored sweaters or other articles for personal use.

Mrs. Voigt, of New York, offered the next resolution, which was adopted:

To our sisters of the International Union of Liberal Christian Women, The Alliance extends loyal, loving greetings, and we hope to use our utmost effort to foster a true internationalism that shall lead to the peace of the nations.

To the liberal women of Japan The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women of America send cordial greetings through one of its valued members, Prof. Caroline E. Furness, of Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. It is our belief that Prof. Furness will be able to strengthen the friendly relations between the women of our two countries, as she shall make known to each in turn the customs, the modes of thought, and the ideals of their sisters. This resolution is to be conveyed to the women of Japan by Prof. Furness, who plans to spend the coming year in that country.

A letter was received containing the greetings of the Khasi Hills Unitarian Union, India, and it was voted to send greetings in return.

On motion of Mrs. Peterson a cordial vote of thanks was extended to the First Church for its hospitality.

The credential committee reported an attendance of 580 accredited delegates, from 21 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada including forty-one life members.

A suggestion from the floor that $45

needed to complete the Young People's Religious Union appeal be made up, resulted in $95 being handed at the door to the treasurer, to which more has since been added.

The twenty-eighth annual business meeting closed with the singing of Samuel Longfellow's hymn, "God's trumpet wakes the slumbering world."

Conferences crowded the vestry rooms of the South Congregational Church on Wednesday afternoon where Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letters workers compared notes, Junior Alliance officers spoke as well as members of the Junior Fellowship committee, and the Lend-a-Hand work was explained by Miss Brown.

At 3 o'clock Miss Lowell introduced Mrs. Voigt, wearing the costume she wears when on duty in France. It is easy to understand why it is sacred in the eyes of the French people. Mrs. Voigt spoke of the creche, to which Alliance branches and Juniors have already contributed over $700. She was assured that Alliance women stand back of her to assist as she may ask their help. She returns to France in the early summer.

Heartening greetings were received from Nebraska and Kansas through their directors, Mrs. Holdrege and Miss Howard, and the president of the New York League, Mrs. Glogau, and Mrs. St. John of Philadelphia, were called on for a word of greeting.

Mrs. Peterson showed the meaning of our work in the south, the heartier support of which was urged by Miss Lowell, Mrs. Frothingham, Mrs. Reccord and others.

Rev. Howard B. Bard of San Diego sounded the note of fellowship, speaking of our common interests east and west.

The following resolution proposed by Mrs. Dakin was passed:

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women in informal conference assembled places itself on record as urging a loyal and respectful attention to the playing or singing of the national anthem.

It was pronounced an inspiring conference and the members parted pledged to renewed efforts for the conservation of food, of industrial conditions and human welfare, and first and last for the conservation of the forces of the spirit.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Executive Board

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was held May 17, Miss Lowell presiding. Miss Bancroft was present by invitation, also Miss Slade of New York, and Mrs. Voigt, recording secretary of the Lenox Avenue branch, New York. It was a pleasure to welcome in addition to thirty-two members from New England and the Middle States, Miss Howard of Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. Holdrege of Omaha, Nebraska.

Miss Lowell told the interesting story of her Pacific Coast trip, mentioning by name each place visited and bringing home very vividly to her hearers the conditions under which our branches are doing their splendid work. A resolution from the San Francisco Society for Christian Work and letters of appreciation from directors and branches told how much it has meant to receive this visit from *their* president.

Mrs. Davis reported enthusiastically her trip through the North Carolina and Florida circuits and visits to branches, including the group of people newly interested in Unitarianism in Knoxville, Tenn., and emphasized anew the greatness of our opportunity to spread the liberal gospel in the south.

The president announced an anonymous gift to The Alliance, *in memoriam*, of a liberty bond of $500.

The Finance Committee announced that $1,000 has been added to the emergency fund and invested in a liberty bond.

The Post Office Mission report announced the retirement of Miss Louisa Blake from the secretaryship of the committee after six years of service, and it was voted to send Miss Blake a letter of thanks for her faithful, conscientious, and most effective work.

Mrs. Peterson was present and reported the continued good work of the Southern Circuit and Carolina Industrial School, and on the recommendation of the Southern Circuit committee it was voted to engage the ministers in the North Carolina and Florida Circuits for the year 1918-1919, under the same conditions as last year.

An appeal for $500 for the new church at Pepperell, Mass., was approved, this appeal to follow the usual method pursued by the Appeals Committee. It will be remembered that the former meeting-house at Pepperell was burned on the last Sunday of December, 1917.

Great interest has been aroused by letters received from the Italian committee of the Association of Free Believers in the work of Mrs. Conte, who has been named secretary of that committee. On the recommendation of the International and Appeals committees it was voted to double the amount of the Appeal for the work in Italy, co-operating with the American Unitarian Association to retain the services of Mrs. Conte.

The appeal for foreign war relief is by vote of the board continued without interruption. The International committee will determine in each case how the funds shall be disbursed. The present year they have gone to Mme. Loyson's hospital in Paris and to Mrs. Weller's work in southern France. The chairman of the International committee plans to go to France again this summer and she is so closely informed of the needs there that The Alliance is only too ready to contribute to a cause which she endorses.

In memoriam have been placed the names of Mrs. Daniel Lamb and Mrs. Anna Ahner by the branch at Toronto, Canada. Mrs. Grace Nickles Wilkins by Carlisle, Mass., Mrs. Ellen Howland Porter by Neponset, Mass., and Mrs. George Soule by New Orleans, La.

The delegates of The Alliance to the annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association were Miss Lowell, Miss Effie E. Whitman and Miss Maria J. Bacon.

To the Post Office Mission committee have been added Mrs. Emma A. Allen of Christ Church, Dorchester, Mrs. S. C. Beane of Channing Church, Dorchester, Mrs. W. H. Burlen, First Church, Boston, Mrs. Jennie L. Marr of Fall River.

Mrs. Jessie M. Taylor of Burlington was elected director for Vermont.

Thirty-nine had luncheon together at the Women's City Club with Mrs. Davis as guest of honor.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

The Glove Waistcoat Society of London through Mrs. Charles Storrow of 112 High St., Brookline, Mass., sends grateful thanks for another collection of articles for its use. Old gloves and pieces of kid and leather are needed in great quantities to carry on the manufacture of windproof waistcoats during the summer at the work rooms in London to fulfill orders from soldiers at the front for next winter. Alliance women will be glad to send materials of this kind to Mrs. Storrow to assist in this patriotic work, which has proved of such value to our Allies.

During Anniversary Week Unitarian Headquarters at 25 Beacon Street were all abloom with spring flowers brought by many Alliance members and arranged by the skillful hands of Mrs. Peterson. The Hospitality Committee gratefully acknowledges these gifts which come each year an ever recurring joy.

The Junior Alliance

The Meeting in Hopedale

Let all Junior Alliances send a greeting and good wishes to the newly formed branch in Hopedale, Massachusetts. We should like to tell you about our visit there, as it may be helpful to other Juniors. Four of us from the Jamaica Plain Junior Alliance were invited to go to the first meeting of the Hopedale Juniors. Miss Bancroft gave a splendid talk on Loyalty which we wish all Juniors might hear. Then one of us told

about the purpose of a Junior Alliance; another of the work we do at the meetings; another, how we raise our money; and a fourth, how we spend it. It was announced that a pew was to be hired for the Hopedale Juniors and we have since heard that they will be responsible for having it filled each Sunday. We think this is an excellent way to encourage the habit of regular attendance at church.

The members of the Hopedale Junior Alliance formerly belonged to the Loyal Workers, now an organization for younger girls, who generously gave the Juniors $25 with which to start their treasury. Their meetings are to be held in the church every other Thursday evening, with refreshments once a month and the work (planned by a work committee) is to be for the Red Cross. Other committees are an educational committee, an entertainment committee, and a refreshment committee. The dues are to be twenty-five cents a year, and their president becomes a member of the Senior Alliance on payment of $1 from the Junior Alliance treasury. Any one who has graduated from grammar school may become a member, and they have set no age limit at which members should go on into the Senior Branch. This newest branch of the Junior Alliance has made a fine beginning and we shall expect it to do splendid things in the future.

One of the Jamaica Plain Juniors.

Miss Scheible at the Western Unitarian Confrence at Dayton, Ohio: "I bring you greetings from the Chicago Associate Alliance. The winter meetings of the Alliance are held in Chicago. The spring, summer and fall meetings are held in the out-of-town churches at the time when these suburbs are at the height of their beauty.

During this year the topics treated were the Great Unitarian Leaders — Channing, Parker, Emerson and Martineau, "The History of the Western Unitarian Conference" and the last meeting of the year, which is to be held next month, will have an address on "The Present Situation and Our Attitude."

Summer Sales on the New England Coast

The Grace Chapel Alliance at Green Harbor, Mass., will hold their annual Fair on August 7 and 8. Contributions will be thankfully acknowledged.

The Marblehead branch of the Woman's Alliance will hold its annual Sale in the church parlor on July 17. It is the most promising time of the year to make money in Marblehead and gifts will be gratefully received and buyers will be welcomed.

Miss Grace M. Burt, 94 Charlesbank Road, Newton, Mass., is prepared to give a talk on "Mary Lyon, a Pioneer among Women," illustrated by 100 lantern slides. It is in reality the story of Mt. Holyoke College, of which Miss Burt is a graduate. Miss Burt will go for expenses, merely asking the branch to furnish the lantern.

The Camp Devens Fund

The officers of the New England Associate Alliance gratefully acknowledge additional contributions received since the Alliance meeting at Ayer. This money will be added to the collection taken at that meeting and will be used towards the completion of the Unitarian Church vestry at Ayer. The amount asked for is nearly completed, but further contributions will be appreciated.

Two corrections should be made in the printed lists acknowledging contributions for the Camp Devens Fund through the New England Associate Alliance, namely, West Bridgewater should read Brockton $5.00, and Bridgewater should read East Bridgewater $2.00.

STELLA P. BEARD,
Treasurer.

Appeals

Appeals stand as follows:

Southern Circuit in addition to pledges $1,200
Foreign War Relief (unlimited)

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Rev. NELSON J. SPRINGER, *Secretary* Mr. O. ARTHUR MCMURDIE, *Treasurer*

The annual meeting of the Young People's Religious Union, held on May 24, resulted in the election of the following executive staff: president, Carl B. Wetherell, Wellesley Farms; vice-presidents, Rev. Charles F. Potter, Wellesley Hills; Miss Katherine D. Williams, Dedham; Miss Helen E. Flood, Vineland, N. J.; Miss Dorothy Dyar, Berkeley, Cal.; James E. Lenington, Dallas, Tex.; field secretary, Miss Minnie Packard, Quincy; treasurer, O. Arthur McMurdie, Belmont; directors, Sanford Bates, Dorchester; Frederick G. May, Jr., Dorchester; Rev. Houghton Schumacher, Hingham; J. Wilmon Brewer, Hingham; Rev. Robert A. Singsen, Rockland; Malcolm Merrick, Boston; J. Harry Hooper, Wollaston; Henry P. Burkland, Boston; Alden V. Keene, Watertown; Charles Laycock, Jamestown, N. Y.; Rev. Nelson J. Springer, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Miss Emily Hargrave, Allston; Miss Helen Tufts, Exeter, N. H.; Miss Esther Cutter, Dedham; Miss Eleanor C. Wade, West Roxbury; Miss Ruth E. Garwood, Meadville, Pa.

The board has gone directly to work, laying plans for the coming year. All of the members have taken office immediately, with the exception of Miss Minnie Packard, who will retain her previous office of recording secretary until September 1, when Mr. Springer's contract expires.

The board has appointed to the office of chairman of the Union At Large, Miss Winifred C. Hall of Waverley, Mass. Not too much can be said in praise of Miss Hall's loyal and effective service to the organization; and we are confident that this work in her hands will prosper exceedingly.

The annual meeting itself was an occasion to be remembered. It marked the first anniversary of the election of a field secretary for our organization; and it marked a good many other things. The report of the secretary, Miss Packard, disclosed the faithfulness with which members of the board for last year had served the cause. The report of the treasurer, Mr. McMurdie, left nothing to be desired except more money. Mr. McMurdie has worked like a Trojan all the year, only some insist that he has worked like ten Trojans. The report of the field secretary showed 26 new societies organized. The constituency of the national organization now comprises 174 societies, 13 more than last year at this time.

The year's administration did not pass through the meeting without adverse criticism. It was suggested that the central office has collapsed, that the field secretary is unessential, and that the office of field secretary ought to be abolished. The fair committee of last year also came in for its share of ignominy. No more fortunate situation could have arisen. It robbed the meeting of a possible perfunctory character. The suggestion to abolish the office of field secretary was put as a formal motion and was overwhelmingly voted down. The 58 delegates present seemed to be confident of the effectiveness of the administration and the worth of the office of the field secretary. This endorsement was emphasized later on by the election of the previously named board, and by the unanimous passage of a resolution commending the work of the chairman of last year's fair committee. The vote on the new board stood 51 to 7.

A reception to incoming and outgoing officers was held following the business meeting, and a collation was served. During this period there was a pleasant opportunity for the delegates and friends

to become acquainted. In the evening, Mr. Walter Prichard Eaton addressed a large meeting on the topic "To Whom Does the Future Belong?" We are aware that it is a customary failing to be over-generous in estimating the worth of such addresses at such times; but we are willing to hazard, and without grave danger of contradiction, that Mr. Eaton's address was one of the brilliant utterances of the week.

On Saturday the first annual field day of the organization was held in Spring Grove, Wellesley, an event which proved a great success, and which we believe will become an institution. It is probable that between 200 and 500 people were present.

The present field secretary, Mr. Springer, is to retire from office September 1, to assume his new duties as the minister of the Fourth Unitarian Church in Brooklyn, N. Y. The organization believes that it has found in Miss Minnie Packard a successor to the office who will ably and brilliantly expand the work which is already begun; and it looks to the coming year for large results. Considerable money will need to be raised; but we do not believe that we can fail in this, particularly if the manifestations of good will thus far received from the denomination are as substantial as we believe them to be.

We recur to the meetings of the "Spring Drive," and to Mr. Eaton's address. All of these utterances have been published, or are in process of publication. A large number of copies of Mr. Savage's address are already in the New York office of the American Unitarian Association, and copies of all the others will follow. Persons writing for copies of all the addresses will be supplied. It is urged that they specify the number desired. These addresses may be had gratis; but they have been issued at considerable expense. They are real contributions to the literature of the Unitarian movement. Persons who are eager to see such publications continued are invited to contribute as much as they see fit to help finance this enterprise. The addresses thus far have been limited to first editions of 2,000, with the exception of Dr. Sullivan's, which has been given an initial edition of 5,000. The other addresses are by Mr. Savage, Mr. Rihbany, Mr. Potter, Mr. Eaton, Dr. Lawrance, and Mrs. Atherton.

The field secretary has a few more speaking engagements ahead of him for the summer. On July 5 and 6 he will speak at the Religious Education Institute in Andover, N. H. On July 9, he will speak at the Hotel Wentworth to the Isles of Shoals Conference. On August 4 and 5 he will speak in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the young people's society in Bernardston, Mass.

We have to offer especial thanks to the Women's Alliance and to the branches for raising for our endowment fund $1,078. The branches contributing follow: Sterling, Mass.; East Lexington, Mass.; Newburyport, Mass.; Arlington, Mass.; Littleton, Mass.; Hudson, Mass.; Fourth Unitarian Church, Brooklyn; Taunton, Mass.; Dover, Mass.; Second Church, Roxbury, Mass.; Medford, Mass. Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Church of the Disciples, Boston; Springfield, Mass.; Greenfield, Mass.; Lincoln, Mass.; Eastport, Me.; Church of the Messiah, N.Y.; Sudbury, Mass.; New Orleans, La.; Westwood, Mass.; Weston, Mass.; Dayton O.; Billerica, Mass.; Haverhill, Mass.; Norton, Mass.; Hyde Park, Mass.; Santa Ana, Cal.; Louisville, Ky.; Newport, R. I.; Keene, N. H.· Newburgh, N. Y.; Channing Church, Newton; Montpelier, Vt.; Second Church, Brooklyn; Canton, Mass.; South Boston, Hawes Br.; First Parish, Cambridge; Cohasset, Mass.; Ashby, Mass.; Waverly Mass.; Sharon, Mass.; Needham, Mass.; Winchendon, Mass.; Brockton, Mass.; West Roxbury, Mass.; First Church, Providence, R. I.; Berlin, Mass.; Beverly, Mass.; Second Church, Salem, Mass.; Wellesley Hills, Mass.; All Souls', Roxbury; Bedford, Mass.; Flushing, N. Y.; Washington Heights, N. Y.; Hingham, Mass.; Lynn, Mass.; Chelsea, Mass.; Bedford, Mass.; Chestnut Hill, Mass.; Second Church, Brookline; Leominster;

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If, by any chance, this should be an incomplete list we shall make every effort publicly to correct it. We can not say, however, in any manner, how deeply we are indebted to the Women's Alliance.

A few words as to the policy committee's report, the recommendations of the field secretary, and the coming year. The policy committee has proposed a repetition in November of a bazaar similar to the one held last December in the Arlington Street Church. The board expects to appoint a committee, and table chairmen, at an early date, and to launch an organized and determined effort to make the next fair an even greater success than the first. Every effort will be made to conduct the coming fair with the same remarkable economy exhibited in the carrying out of last year's enterprise. The policy committee has further recommended the immediate appointment of a financial committee to lay and put into effect plans for raising the necessary minimum of $3,000 for next year's expenses, and to consider the feasibility of launching a final drive to complete the endowment fund. It has also advised the repetition of meetings similar in character to those of the "Spring Drive." The problem of obtaining adequate assistance in the office will come up shortly, and will be decided as soon as prospective finances are more or less definitely to be estimated.

On the recommendation of the field secretary a reorganization and expansion of the Extension committee will be undertaken for the purpose of reducing travelling expenses and increasing the number of societies served personally during the course of the year. This will probably be accomplished by the enlistment of volunteers in New York, Chicago, and San Francisco, who will visit a limited number of churches in return for their expenses, which means that we shall have four field secretaries instead of one, and for less money than it would require for one secretary to do the same amount of work. This enterprise will be undertaken under the direction of the present field secretary until such time as competent office assistance can be obtained. In addition we may count on the gratuitous services of the Rev. Charles F. Potter, Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, and the Rev. Houghton Schumacher, for speaking in Boston and vicinity, so that the Y. P. R. U. looms stronger at the beginning of this year than ever before. In the year that is passed we have been able besides rendering concrete service to 138 different groups of young people to glimpse the true and detailed nature of the task before us, and to lay definite plans for attacking it. If last year was successful, then we may expect the coming year to be even more so. But we shall not relax from our publicity campaign which is to be more vigorous, more extended, and more persistent than ever before.

We call to our support, therefore, all Unitarian young people, and all who are interested in their cause. We should appreciate volunteers for specific service; and such offers may be registered at 25 Beacon Street, by mail, telephone, or in person. Whoever you are, wherever you are, if you wish to help, let us know, and we shall provide you with a definite task of obvious value. There is but one way for our cause to prosper, and that is for the rank and file of those who rightfully belong with us to enlist in the service of our cause.

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. John Haynes Holmes, *President*, New York, N. Y.
Mrs. Frank L. Young, *Vice-President*, Dorchester, Mass.
Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, *Secretary, pro tem.*, Cambridge, Mass.
Charles H. Stearns, *Treasurer*, Brookline, Mass.

The 32nd year of the Unitarian Temperance Society has been the most active of its history. The first quarter of the year was given chiefly to War Prohibition. The remainder was devoted to the cause of National Prohibition as an amendment to the Federal Constitution. Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge was engaged for three months covering the period during which this matter was before the National Congress to act as field secretary, in order that the strength of our churches might be united in defense of this great cause. The society has since been active in working for ratification by the states in which our churches are strongest.

The chief obligation now before the Society is to promote temperance education in public schools and in our own Church Schools. It is recognized that whether the amendment is adopted by the required number of states or not the only permanent settlement of the alcohol problem is to be brought about through temperance education. It is conceded that we are in a position to do a great work in this field. The small sum of $5,000 would be of highest value if devoted to this work now.

The stirring address by the retiring President, Mr. Holmes, emphasized these points, and Dr. James Empringham, of the Episcopal Church Temperance Society, who made the principal address, stated that prohibition is the only logical solution of the liquor problem, and that it is not to be confused with politics.

The treasurer's report, read by Mr. Charles H. Stearns, showed a balance on hand of $659.52 and an expenditure during the year of $1,846.89.

The following resolution offered by Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton fitly expressed the temper of the meeting:

Whereas we believe that National Prohibition will be an incalculable benefit to this nation:

Be it resolved that we go on record in favor of the immediate ratification of the national prohibition amendment now before our legislatures.

Be it also further resolved that we express our joy in the fact that the state in which Unitarianism runs strongest has already ratified the amendment.

Mrs. Frank L. Young also proposed that the Society send a message to the President of the United States indicating that it is the belief of this body that the time has now come to stop the brewing of beer.

The incoming officers as elected were: president, Rev. Christopher R. Eliot; vice-president, Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton; treasurer, Rev. Chester A. Drummond; secretary, Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge. Directors, Dr. Geo. C. Bowles, Rev. Lewis C. Carson, Rev. W. G. Eliot, Jr., Thomas H. Elliott, Rev. James A. Fairley, Rev. Elmer S. Forbes, Miss Eugenia Frothingham, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Rev. William S. Jones, The Hon. Robert Luce, Rev. Henry C. McDougall, Mrs. Stella R. Root, Mr. Edward J. Rawse, Rev. W. H. Parker, Rev. Abbot Peterson, Rev. U. G. B. Pierce, Rev. Edgar S. Wiers, Mrs. George Whiting, Rev. Earl M. Wilbur, Mrs. Frank L. Young.

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